

Selected Facts for Cameron County - 1999



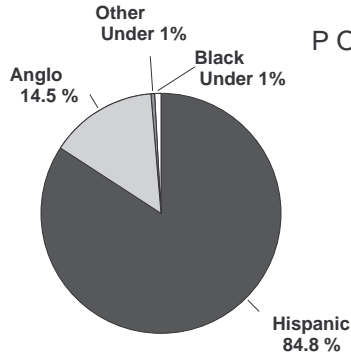
Demography

Estimated Population: 321,738

Population Per Square Mile: 355.1

Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 11

Area in Square Miles: 906



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	Percent
0 - 4	18,753	19,806	38,559	12.0 %
5 - 14	29,335	30,150	59,485	18.5 %
15 - 44	70,992	67,970	138,962	43.2 %
45 - 64	28,294	23,420	51,714	16.1 %
65 +	19,375	13,643	33,018	10.3 %
Total	166,749	154,989	321,738	100.0 %

County	51.8 %	48.2 %
State	50.4 %	49.6 %

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Unemployment Rate	9.8 %	4.6 %
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	19,607	369,938
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	76,088	1,457,347
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Eligibles	106,137	2,676,056
Per Capita Personal Income, 1998	\$ 13,766	\$ 25,369

	Number	County	State
Persons Living Below Poverty, 1997			
Total	114,709	35.3 %	16.7 %
0 - 17 Years	52,661	45.2 %	23.6 %
18 Years and over	62,048	29.8 %	13.8 %
Persons Without Health Insurance			
Total	106,111	32.3 %	24.2 %
0 - 18 Years	36,657	31.7 %	25.0 %
19 - 64 Years	68,208	38.6 %	27.6 %

Natality

	Births ¹	County	State
Total Live Births	8,021		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	598	7.5 %	6.1 %
Unmarried Mothers	2,295	28.6 %	31.3 %
Low Birth Weight ¹	492	6.1 %	7.4 %
Late or No Prenatal Care ¹	2,880	36.3 %	20.7 %
Fertility Rate ³	County: 113.0	State: 77.3	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	County	State
Tuberculosis	59	18.3	8.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	2	----	2.3
Gonorrhea	117	36.4	163.0
Chlamydia	1,096	340.6	311.9
AIDS	25	7.8	14.3
Hepatitis A	184	57.2	12.6
Varicella (Chickenpox)	120	37.3	37.3

Mortality² (See note below)

	Deaths ¹	County	State
Deaths From All Causes	1,747	659.2	897.7
Cardiovascular Disease	664	253.0	360.3
Heart Disease	493	187.8	272.7
Stroke	123	47.1	66.3
All Cancer	404	159.6	199.7
Lung Cancer	83	33.3	56.3
Female Breast Cancer	32	22.5	25.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	63	23.8	47.4

	Deaths ¹	County	State
Diabetes	88	34.2	30.4
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	85	28.4	38.2
Motor Vehicle Injury	43	13.9	15.6
Homicide	10	----	6.4
Suicide	11	----	10.5
Work-related Injury	4	----	2.8
Infant Deaths	34	4.2	6.2
Fetal Deaths ¹	39	4.9	6.4

¹ All births and deaths are by county of residence. Low birth weight represents live-born infants weighing less than 2,500 grams at birth. Late prenatal care refers to mothers who did not receive prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy. Fetal deaths are those occurring after 20 weeks gestation and prior to birth.

Note ² **Mortality data reported for 1999 are not comparable with data reported for prior years.** Beginning in 1999, TDH is following the National Center for Health Statistics guidelines for reporting mortality statistics that include coding data using the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision and age adjustments using the 2000 Standard Population.

³ Fertility rates are per 1,000 women ages 15 - 44. Infant death rates and fetal death rates are per 1,000 live births. Work-related injury death rates are per 100,000 population. The remaining death rates have been age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. Standard Population per 100,000 population. Communicable disease rates are also per 100,000 population. Rates and percents have not been calculated if 20 or fewer births, deaths or cases occurred, as indicated by "----".

Health Professionals

	County	State
Direct Patient Care Physicians	363	28,595
Ratio of Population per Direct Care Physician.	886	701
Ratio of Population per General/Family Practice.	7,847	3,790
Ratio of Population (Females 15-44) per ob/gyn.	2,535	2,293
Registered Nurses	1,372	118,929
Ratio of Population per Registered Nurse.	235	169
Dentists	58	8,109
Ratio of Population per Dentist.	5,547	2,472

Health Facilities

	County	State
Acute Care Hospitals.	5	472
Licensed Beds.	1,125	72,201
Staffed Beds.	832	56,993
Disproportionate share hospital payments.	\$ 20,321,188	\$1,038,404,489
Nursing Homes	12	1,157
Licensed Beds.	1,255	127,432

All of Cameron County was designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area as of January 2001. Some subcounty areas/populations in Cameron County were designated as a Medically Underserved Area as of January 2001. For updated information, please check with the Health Professions Resource Center at 512-458-7261 or at <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/dpa/>.

Texas Department of Health Program Summary for Cameron County

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program¹

Mammograms performed. 1,602

Children's Health Services

Children's health services available to county residents Yes

Chronically Ill and Disabled Children's Services¹

Eligible children. 398
Children served. 176
Amount paid. \$ 490,327

Emergency Medical Services

Emergency vehicles permitted. 34
EMS personnel certified. 400

Family Planning Services (Title V and XX)

Family planning services available to county residents Yes

Food and Drug Safety

Facilities licensed, registered, permitted or accredited. 565

Immunization Division

Vaccine doses administered (less than age 20). 210,626

Oral Health Services¹

Children receiving dental care. 38

Cameron County Health Department

TDH funding. \$ 3,440,338

Milk and Dairy Products Division

Establishments regulated. 0

Primary Health Care/COPH Services¹

Reported clients served. 1

Kidney Health Care¹

ESRD patients receiving life-sustaining treatments. 427
Estimated cost of treatments. \$ 332,146

Radiation Control Program

Health-related permit locations. 158
Certified mammography locations. 10

Texas Health Steps (EPSDT)¹

Number of checkups. 37,657

Tuberculosis Elimination Division¹

Persons treated for TB infection. 737

Women's Health Services

Prenatal and postpartum care services available to county residents Yes

Women, Infants, and Children's Nutrition¹

Clients receiving benefits. 46,276

Zoonosis Control

Number of animals diagnosed positive for rabies. 3

¹Data are reported by county of residence of the client.

For information on sources of data, refer to the document *Texas Health Facts Data Sources, 1999*.